

# RICK & TRACY GROOVER

**4th Quarter 2025**

## **A CHRISTMAS STORY BLESSING FROM A FRIEND AND SUPPORTER**

“Merry Day After Christmas. 🎄 ❤️ We wanted to share one of our favorite Christmas traditions with you. The very first gift we open on Christmas morning is an offering to the Lord. About six weeks before Christmas, we sit down and pick causes and/or ministries we feel led to support. We decorate a box and leave it out for kids to shove money in, friends/family/visitors to sneak money in, fundraisers to add to the box, etc.



This year, the Lord led us to put your ministry on the box. It was also our highest goal yet. We prayed...and held our breath all month long. Haha. From selling homemade nativities to extra household chores to generous visitors, the children opened the box and scrambled to count all the money to see if we made the goal. And we did!! One child said, “I didn’t think we’d make it, because I didn’t put in as much as I wanted. I only put in \$12!” The Lord multiplied these meager offerings and brought in more than the goal!! Praise be His name. We will soon be making a \$1,100 donation to your ministry to go towards the medical equipment needed at the new hospital in Togo.

We love to see how the Lord provides every year, and we just wanted to let you know the story and all the anonymous givers behind the soon-to-come donation!! May God continue to multiply all the finances and efforts needed to further the gospel in your region! Glory to God in the highest!”

## **END OF THE YEAR UPDATE**

The last half of 2025 was a crazy time for us, and October - December certainly played their part. Health-wise, there have been some challenges. Everything with my heart has been great since open heart surgery in July. There have been six months of physical therapy, lots of bloodwork, regular doctor appointments, cardiologist appointments, cardiac rehab and more. Everything has gone great. I am exercising three days a week and have lost 25 pounds. In the words of that great theologian James Brown - *I feel good!* HaHa. There’s only been one catch. Since surgery I have had numbness, some pain, and weakness in my left arm and hand. It is non-stop and lasts 24/7. At first, I couldn’t sleep well, but I have gotten a little better by becoming more used to it. Their best guess is it could last 12-18 months before getting better. There’s also no guarantee it will get better, being a nerve issue. Please pray for the Lord’s healing in this area. Tracy and I also have fought much sickness recently that has kept us at home for extended times. We are better now but seek your continued prayers for strength and health to do all God’s called us to do.

Ministry-wise, even with all the challenges, we were back on the road about 11-12 weeks after my surgery. We travelled and ministered through Alabama, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Even after having to cancel many meetings due to the surgery, God finished up our meetings in a powerful way with many salvations and many mission project needs being met. We don’t need easy. We just want to see God and that we did! How great is our God!

## TOGO

It has been a warm blessing to our hearts to have Togolese Missionaries Kokou and Yvette Loko here in the States for a few months as they raise funds to expand the footprint of Grace Hospital in Togo. The work that is being done in this part of West Africa has been a needed God-send for so many in the region. In 2025 the need became apparent for a Maternity Ward. We are already seeing many babies born at the hospital, so this is a much-needed area for expansion. We are touched as new lives join the world in tiny vessels. Their parents are presented the gospel, counseled, and new converts discipled. Pray as we continue to prepare the shipment for Togo of Maternity beds, medical equipment and other items needed for the ministry in Togo. Also, pray for the Lokos in all their travels.

## CHURCH PLANTING

This will be an intentional, motivated focus for Global Impact in 2026 as we make “His Vision Our Mission.” With the launch of the Bible Institute in recent years, the trainings have grown, both in number and spirituality. Those already pastoring churches have gained new material, educational correction, and support in their ministries. For some of these pastors, it looks like needed construction of already established churches. For others, it looks like support in starting a new church. In all these cases, we feel the Lord leading our steps towards building a foundation for the local church. We will continue to train nationals for the ministry through the Bible Institute, while also focusing on how we can help them succeed in their pastoral role, including a safe, sturdy place for worship.

## AFRICA



## UPDATE

### CONGO

We are very encouraged with the ministry that is taking place in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Pastor Santo Obeyo is a crucial impact-driver of the ministry that continues to expand there. Most recently, he has been working on a campaign in a certain city. Though civil unrest and uprising has been so apparent in this region, many people are hungry for the gospel. In a recent effort at a certain preaching point, 150 Congolese heard the gospel, 32 souls came to know the Lord, and 2 backsliders were restored. Amen! Another evangelism campaign is scheduled for March in the same location. Lord willing, this will be a field ripe unto harvest to plant a church later this year. We are praying for the needed land to acquire and for the people who will not only join the church, but will join the family of God!



Be sure to check out some great changes that have been made to our website, including new material and information on Global Impact Ministries. Also, keep an eye out on your email for bi-monthly ministry emphasis information.

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## SPRING, HERE WE COME

Our theme for 2026 is **His Vision. Our Mission.** God's vision for GIMI for 2026 is expansive in both its nature and footprint. As seen above, soon after you receive this letter we will be in East Africa. We are going to work on our new *Church Planting Initiative*. God is moving there in a great way as we train pastors and see new churches planted, both there and in West Africa. Grace Radio Ministry is still ever fruitful in Togo. At the same time, Grace Hospital continues to grow both practically and in spiritual fruit. Many, many souls continue to be saved across Africa through our gospel efforts there. In the next few months, we will also be on the road preaching and sharing in Alabama, South Carolina, and beyond.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer Requests: Please pray for our health as we continue serving the Lord. Due to the insurance changes in our country, we do not have health insurance as of January 1, 2026. The new projected monthly insurance cost would have been more than \$2,700 per month with a giant deductible. For us, that is an impossibility. So, we are doing as we always do - trusting God! Secondly, pray for our support as we have lost a handful of supporters during the last year. This is a common thing missionaries face, but it is ever important. Our needs and expenses are just as real as anyone else's and must be met. **Help us pray that the Lord will replace the \$1,800 per month that is needed with the loss of three churches that are struggling or closed and two individuals with life changes.** Either way and no matter what comes...Worthy is the Lamb!

Love and prayers,

*Missionaries Rick and Tracy Groover*

